

## Church Action on Poverty

CAP is an ecumenical Christian organisation which works to draw our attention to the poverty which exists here in the UK, side by side with the very great wealth which we also see around us. This weekend we are invited to reflect on their work and to pray for them and for those whom they serve, and consider how we can be involved.

On their website (available via the parish website) you will find much material which is worthy of our attention. They have a series of Bible studies which invite us to read our scriptures from a different angle – from the perspective of the poor. They call it *Scripture from the margins*. They write: *The Bible shows us again and again that God is on the side of the people on the edges. In a thread that runs through all of scripture, God is concerned first and foremost with people who have been excluded from society by poverty, oppression and injustice.*

*Laws like Jubilee in the Old Testament are designed to ensure that no one is left behind and exploited... The prophets stand up constantly against the rich and powerful who would oppress people in poverty... Mary sings of a God who has “brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly”... Jesus says “Blessed are you who are poor ... But woe to you who are rich.” This may be a new way of reading the Bible for many of us. They comment : *Too often, when we read scripture in our churches, we forget that perspective. We focus on other aspects of the story, or we become so familiar with the text that we don’t notice the challenging things it has to say to us.**

You might consider using their material for your Lenten reading this year, together with the prayers which they offer, and consider how God is inviting us to act. The approach to Scripture which they adopt is known as the Pastoral Cycle, characterised by the three stages of *See, Judge and Act*. This became universal through its adoption by Liberation Theology and incorporates the insight that God’s Word is *alive and active* and that our task in this world is to change our society according to the values of God’s Kingdom. We begin by looking at our world through God’s eyes, as did the prophets, and, informed by God’s judgement through our Bible reading, we are then invited to act to change our world. This is the mandate of our baptism, sharing in the life of Jesus as prophet, priest and king.

All this demands of each one of us a deep conversion. This is what Ash Wednesday is about – *Repent and believe the Good News*. May God bless our practice of Lent this year and bring us closer to His Kingdom.

### Anniversaries

**Please pray for the Souls of** – Mary Renouf, Maurice Geal, Aaron Martin, David Rutherford, Alex Leaney, Barry Penn, Jim Ryan, Simon Newnham, Pat O’Grady, John Walford, Merryel Barnwell, Mother Mary Garson and Tony Corio.  
**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.**



### Prayers

Please pray for Marty Vaughan who is suffering from ill health.

Please pray for Clare Crossman who died on 17<sup>th</sup> February. Please pray for her husband Ian and all their family.

## Parish News



### Concerts



**10<sup>th</sup> March** – 7.30pm in the Abbey. D’Arcy Trinkwon Organ Recital.

**17<sup>th</sup> March** – 7.30pm in the Abbey. Choral Society & Orchestra Concert.

**24<sup>th</sup> March** – 7.30pm in the Abbey. Sequence of music and readings for Lent.

### Materials for Lent Groups

There are materials available online for lent groups. Please let us know in the parish office if you would like a list. Thank you.

### Plate Collection

Gift Aided - **£310.03**

Non Gift Aided - **£298.33**

### Ash Wednesday

There will be a mass on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm, which will include distribution of ashes.

### Transforming Poverty

Using Ken Loach’s film *I, Daniel Blake*, a new course *Transforming Poverty* brings church groups together to talk, think and pray about local people’s struggles with poverty (including your own).

It will help you look at how the Bible and your faith in Jesus guide you to respond.

Please see our parish website for the link.

### Lent Coffee Mornings

Hal and Rory Clarke will be holding coffee mornings each Monday in Lent from 10.30am to 12noon, at Cinderhill House, Horsted Keynes Haywards Heath, RH17 7BD

The first one will be on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March** through to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Everyone is welcome and any voluntary donations to CAFOD.

### Eucharistic Healing Services in the Abbey

An opportunity to come together to pray for the healing of those we know in need, for our families and for ourselves.

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March** 7.15 -9pm Eucharistic Adoration with Prayers for Healing

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> April** 2- 4-30pm Mass followed by Prayers for Healing

### Holidays

Fr Paul will be away on holiday from **9<sup>th</sup> March – 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**

Therefore there will be no In Touch on weekends of 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> March.

If you have any urgent announcements during these dates, please do get in touch with the office.

### Slavery Meeting

There will be a follow up meeting after the Diocesan Justice and Peace day, to see how we can respond. This will be held in the Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Dr, Crawley, RH10 6RP from 1.30pm on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.**  
All are welcome.  
Refreshments will be provided.

### Bevern Trust Charity Golf day

The Bevern Trust's very special Charity Golf day returns at one of the best local courses: Mid Sussex Golf Club on **22<sup>nd</sup> March.** They need as many teams as possible to help raise vital funds.

Do you know any golfers?

With your support they can continue to provide life-changing care and improve the quality of life for people with the most complex needs and their families.

Book now for your chance to bid for a dinner for four at

**Plumpton Racecourse,**

Email: [elizabeth.lang@beveritrust.org](mailto:elizabeth.lang@beveritrust.org)

### GDWG Clothing

The detainee centre has advised us that they are struggling to get some clothes that are sorely needed. If you have any of the below items that you would like to donate, these can be handed in to our parish office (or left in the porch).

T-shirts – S, M, L	Trainers – 7-11 UK size	Jeans – 32", 34", 36" waist
Jumpers – S, M, L	Jogging bottoms – S, M, L	Shirts – S, M
Sweatshirts/hoodies – S, M, L	Warm jackets – all sizes	Warm hats
Socks – preferable new only; otherwise in good condition	Travel bags/rucksacks – not too small	

Thank you so much

### Lunches for Homeless People

Your help and support on the day would be very much appreciated in The Friary Hall, Crawley.

Dates for the lunch will be **24<sup>th</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept and 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

If you can come along please contact Ashwin Soni on 07833 252551 or Email - [ashel@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ashel@hotmail.co.uk)



### PEG Event

The Parish Events Group (PEG) trip to Bletchley Park on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

**ONLY 6 SEATS LEFT**

Contact Sara Barclay-Hudson ([sbh0369@yahoo.com](mailto:sbh0369@yahoo.com) / 01444 461236) as soon as possible as tickets are limited.

There will be coffee and croissants on the coach in the morning and delicious savouries and fizz on the way back home. Don't miss out!

### Parish Library



We have a selection of books in the Parish office for those who would like to deepen their faith. Everyone is welcome to borrow these books during office hours. (9.15am-1.15pm). Please call first to check.

The list of books available, can be found on our parish website.

### Running Well

Running Well is a charitable foundation which aims to provide people living in underdeveloped and remote parts of Uganda with access to clean water primarily by building water boreholes.

The idea of establishing Running Well was first conceived by its founder, Worth old boy Julian Gabriel, following a successful fund-raising campaign he undertook to raise enough sponsorship to build a water borehole in Irundu by running six marathons in seven days across the Sahara desert.

**Running Well** focuses on supporting and implementing projects which have a **direct, tangible and measurable impact** on improving accessibility to clean water for people in the **poorest and remotest parts of Uganda.** The country has a population of approximately 38 million people and is **one of the poorest nations** in the world, especially in the rural areas which are home to 84% of Ugandans.

Providing better access to clean water helps **improve standards of living, health and education.** Clean water prevents people from falling ill and the spread of disease. It is often the role of the women or children in the family to collect water; better access means the women have more time to carry out their other duties and the children have more time to attend school.

**Running Well** has so far built **six water boreholes** in the Busoga region of Uganda, which have provided clean water for approximately **18,000 people**

*Running Well is a registered charity (registration number 1169004)*

<http://www.running-well.org>

## REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

**Mass Times** - Saturday: 9.00 am (Concelebrated) and 5.00 pm (First Mass of Sunday),

Sunday: 9.30 am, with an 11.30am mass at St Dunstan's West Hoathly

Daily Mass: 8.00 am and 5.30 pm (Concelebrated), Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Mass: 7.30 pm;

Feast Day: 8.00 am and 5.30 pm

**Adoration** - Friday evenings 7.00- 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Reflection, music and silence.

**Sunday Adoration** - In St Dunstan's Chapel, West Hoathly, every Sunday from 5pm-7pm to support the parish evangelisation programme. Please feel free to come for as long as you wish.

**Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation)** - Sundays 9.10-9.30am before Mass.

**Marian Prayer Group** - 2nd/4th Monday, 7.30pm, Lady Chapel.

**Eucharistic Healing Services** - Mass will be celebrated, followed by prayers for healing - all welcome.

Contact Fr Rod 01342 710308 for further details. Next dates, **Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March** 7.15pm, **Sun 14<sup>th</sup> April** 2pm.

**Lectio Divina** - Tuesdays 8.20pm, for 30 mins, Parlour 3 (entry from the Narthex) then Compline.

**Sunday Prayers for Healing** - Once a month, there is a half hour Service of Prayers for Healing in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after 0930 Sunday Mass. All welcome! The next date will be **7<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Christian Meditation Group** - Blessed Sacrament Chapel 7.45pm for 8pm start to 8.45pm followed by Compline. Contact Caterina 01243 554001. Next dates **13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March**.

**Vigil for Vocations** - (1st Friday) 9.00pm to midnight in the Abbey Church. **Next date 5<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Children's Mass** - 1st Saturday of each month at 5pm. **Next date will be 6<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Bereavement Support** - Marian & Clare are available to meet you either at St Benedict's or to visit you at home. Contact the team via the Parish Office or email - clare\_harper@hotmail.com or marian.imhasly@gmail.com.

**Mothers Prayer Group** - in Balcombe every Tuesday 12 noon. Call Marie 07860 845658. All faiths and none are most welcome.

*"As soon as wrongful thoughts come to your heart, dash them against Christ and disclose them to your spiritual father"*

*(St Benedict)*

Next Sunday's Readings: **First Sunday of Lent (yr. C)**

1st Reading - Deuteronomy 26:4-10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - Romans 10:8-13

**Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

**The temptation of Jesus**

### Daily Readings

Monday - Sir 17:20-24 Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday - Sir 35:1-13 Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday - Joel 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Matt 6:1-6, 16-18 **(ASH WEDNESDAY)**

Thursday - Deut 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25

Friday - Isa 58:1-9a Matt 9:14-15

Saturday - Isa 58:9b-14 Luke 5:27-32

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**Cheques to be made payable to** - Worth Abbey Parish

**Safeguarding:** Rachel Davies (07801 696354) and Maria Stribbling (01342 710313)

**In Touch:** If you would like anything to appear in 'In Touch', please contact Maria Stribbling at parish@worth.org.uk (by Thursday 10am)

**If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or if you have any prayer intentions, please let Fr Paul know.**